Computer System lying unoperational at Telecom Research Centre

2541. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the computer system comprising of a main frame and a mini computer installed at the erstwhile Telecommunication Research Centre in July 1988 at the cost of Rs. 284.80 lakhs lying idle; and

(b) when it became operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

The mainframe and the minicomputers were installed at erstwhile Telecommunication Research Centre for research projects. These projects were subsequently transferred to C-DOT who did not have any use of these computers.

(b) The system became operational in July, 1988.

Withdrawal of permission for setting up of STD/ISO call booths in the country

2542. SHRI MATANG SING: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided not to give permission for the setting up of STD/ISD call booths;

(b) if so, what are the reasons and details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to withdraw those orders; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM (a) to (d) The allotment of STD/ISD PCOs which was temporarily suspended, pending review of the Policy, has been revoked on 24-7-93 after review.

उत्तर प्रदेश में टेलीफोन/तारघर / डाकघर की सुविधायें

2543. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :** क्या संचार मंत्री वह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्तमान स्थिति के अनुसार उत्तर प्रदेश में ऐसे कितने कस्बे/गांव हैं जहां कोई टेलीफोन/तारघर/डाकघर की सुविधा नहीं है ;

(ख) चालू वर्ष के दौरान आजमगढ-लालगंज क्षेत्रों के ग्रामीण इलाकों में कितने डाकघर, तारघर और टेलीफान केन्द्र खोले जाने का विचार है ; और

(ग) इस कार्य के कब से आरम्भ होने और इसे पूरा करने में कितना समय लगने की संभावना है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) से (ग) ब्यौरे संकलित किये जा रहे है और सभा-पटल पर रख दिये जायेंगे

Cellular Telephone service in Bombay

2544. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of cellular telephone service in the city of Bombay; and

(b) by when it is likely to com-

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MIINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Tenders were invited from Indian companies with a vew to licence cellular mobile telephone service in Bombay, Delhi, Calcutta and Madras on a non-exclusive basis. 8 bidders, two in each city, were provisionally selected. Some of the unsuccessful bidders filed a civil writ